



WHY CHOOSE A FINE GARDENER?

WHAT IS FINE GARDENING?

Rather than taking the fastest approach, fine gardeners seek to take a proactive approach using their knowledge of the seasons and environment to work with the plants in your garden instead of imposing unnatural designs upon them. We hand weed rather than using toxic sprays, work to improve your garden organically rather than with chemicals, and use methods that are safe to grow food for your table.



ORGANIC v. CHEMICAL GARDENING

We use sheet mulching to cut down on weeds and improve your soil, can create and manage your on-site compost piles, use compost tea instead of petroleum-based fertilizers, use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) instead of spraying, and bio-intensive methods in your veggie garden. This improves the health of your soil while leaving a garden safe for you, your kids and pets.

LESS HOURS OVER TIME

By using sustainable practices and focusing on the long-term health of your garden, we can create a 'virtuous cycle' - your plants get healthier, so you will need us less over time, reducing your long-term costs.

PRUNING v. TRIMMING

You can trim a hedge very quickly with power tools, but over time the constant cuts at the same depth will damage a hedge creating growth that needs constant maintenance and dead zones throughout the plant.

Correct pruning will ensure the health of the plant, meaning a fuller hedge while maintaining the shape you want longer, and decreasing the chance of the plant dying and needing replacement.

QUALITY v. SPEED

Types of Pruning

Aesthetic - we can shape plants to your taste, while helping them thrive

Reconstructive - we can correct damage and try to save cherished plants

Specialty - we can prune plants to increase yields

We take the long view and pay attention to detail, and back our experience by bringing on experts in irrigation/electrical systems, trees, ponds, and anything else you may need. By having the right expert address a problem, we can get it fixed correctly the first time, saving you money in the long term.

WE ARE GARDEN MANAGERS

As part of our service, we manage your whole garden not just mow your lawn. As an example, for water management; we can properly program your irrigation timers or upgrade them to ones that use satellite weather forecasts, we can change your irrigation system to save water, add grey water or rain water capabilities, and hydrozone your plantings to save on water use. We apply similar approaches to your soil, plants, and garden as a whole.

WHO WE ARE & CONTACT INFORMATION

We are a small, female-owned business specializing in the fine gardening and maintenance and management of gardens and estates in Marin and the peninsula counties of the Bay Area since 2004. To find out more and see photos of estates in our care visit our website listed below.